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SUBJECT: FAYYAD-DAYTON: JENIN COORDINATION, HAMAS, AND THE

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11. (C) SUMMARY. PA PM Fayyad told USSC LTG Dayton July 29 that he accepts the USSC offer for British BG Deverill to help coordinate donor efforts on economic and governance issues in Jenin. Fayyad urged that further work on Jenin not delay security efforts in other West Bank priority areas, including Hebron. On security reform and efforts by Interior Minister al-Yahya to empower his ministry's USG-funded strategic planning directorate (SPD), Fayyad said more nuance is needed; successful security reform requires political support, not a Ministerial decree. END SUMMARY.

JENIN COORDINATION

- 12. (C) PM Fayyad accepted USSC's offer for British BG Deverill to help coordinate donor efforts on economic and governance issues in Jenin. LTG Dayton said the intent is for BG Deveril to help mentor, organize and trouble shoot Palestinian and international donor efforts in governance and economic recovery. PM Fayyad said BG Deverill's local POC would be Jenin Governor Qadora Moussa, adding that he (Fayyad) does not personally need to be brought in on these Jenin-related decisions.
- 3, (S) PM Fayyad said he will judge the Jenin initiative's success on the basis of changed Israeli security behavior; which he noted he has not see yet. Therefore, he explained he does not want an emphasis on Jenin to delay efforts towards other West Bank priorities, including Hebron.

PA ARREST CAMPAIGN AGAINST HAMAS

14. (C) PM Fayyad expressed his concern about recent Hamas operations in Gaza (REF A). He acknowledged that many observers think the PASF's recent arrests in the West Bank are in retalliation, but said he the current effort against Hamas is intended to disrupt its cooperation with the salafist Hizb al-Tahrir group.

MOI'S SECURITY REFORM EFFORTS

5, (C) PM Fayyad pointed to the recent decrees by Minister of Interior al-Yahya that are intended to empower his Ministry's USG funded strategic planning directorate (SPD), and said security reform cannot be affected simply by issuing a decree, especially given the seniority of the security chiefs relative to SPD Director BG Jabrini. Fayyad said al-Yahya will need to discuss the SPD's role directly with

the security chiefs. PM Fayyad also said implementing the draft security plan that was developed with the USSC is not simply a matter of issuing a Presidential decree or making it public. He said draft plan is basically sound (though still needs work), but cannot be implemented by the current security chiefs. The chiefs will need to be changed in order to implement the plan, he said. LTG Dayton noted that some international donors will not fund the security reform plan until they have formal PA buy-in and that donor contributions should go through the MOI instead of directly to security services.

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